



Informed the applicant to:

1. Recite the concentration range of 0.4% to 1% (w/v) for the alginate in claim 23
2. Cancel claims 42, 44, 45 and 46 and change claim dependencies of claims 43 and 47.

The above amendments would put the pending claims in a condition for allowance.

Applicants agreed to the above amendments. The dependencies of claims 43 and 47 were requested to be changed to claim 23 and an Examiner's amendment was authorized.